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#### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2003, and in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-4, 9 and 11 remain in this application of which claim 1, 2, 3 and 9 are independent. Claims 5-8 and 10 have been cancelled. All of the remaining claims have been amended, and claim 11 has been added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

#### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 in view of U.S. Patent 5,760,794 ("Munson"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-4, 9 and 11 now remain in this application. These claims are allowable over Munson because Munson fails to teach either "an input interface . . . wherein the first, second and third inputs are in parallel" (as recited in claims 2, 4 and 9) or an "output interface . . . wherein the first, second and third inputs are in parallel" (as recited in claims 1, 3, and 11). The three inputs and outputs communicate data (either command data or video data), a valid data signal and a valid command signal. In contrast, Munson merely appears to use the PCI interface protocol for communication messages regarding data transfer.


#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

Respectfully submitted,

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